

I have been hearing that Sinclair Broadcasting has directed their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. If true, this is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

In civics I was taught that broadcasting companies like Sinclair use the public airwaves free of charge and are obligated by law to serve the public interest. I do not believe the public interest is served by Sinclair stations airing for free a documentary that is essentially a political ad, and even worse a negative one at that. Nor do I believe that allowing a company to use the public trust bestowed on it in this manner is good for our country and democracy.

Sinclair's actions solidify my view that we need to encourage decentralization of media ownership, not increase the number of stations a company can own in a given area. I hope the FCC will consider the actions of Sinclair Broadcasting during this political season when their license comes up for renewal.

Thank you.